

MINUTES COUNCIL ON AGING BOARD MEETING

November 5, 2018

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Present: M. Scali, M. Cahalane, C. Qiang Lai, J. Staton, J. Singler, E. Hamann; T. Dukas, P. Solomon, J. Semuels, T. Olson; Nava Niv-Vogel, Dana Leavitt

Absent: C. Bunyon

The meeting was called to order at 7pm.

Minutes for October: The minutes were approved as amended.

Senior Citizen concerns: There were none.

Directors update: Nava reported that there will be custodial coverage all day on Fridays when the Center is open including the afternoon (even if the Town Hall is closed).

The van is back and everything is fine.

The pools stairs have arrived and are ready to be installed. They are ADA compliant and should be in place by our next Board meeting.

Friends: Joel reported the Friends are in the middle of its yearly membership drive. A town wide mailing will be sent to households of people 45 years and older.

The Crafts Fair is Saturday, November 17 from 9 – 3. Sandwich boards will be posted around Town soon.

Assistant Director: Dana reported that the Beech Street Anniversary event had about 80 people in October. The November programs have been busy.

There will be a robot program in December which hopefully the high school club will be part of.

Weekend trips have started thanks to the Friends.

Springwell: The auditor report went well – no issues. Transportation remains a problem due to Federal funding. Need more help to access health care and to develop more outreach for LBGTQ clients.

Ride sharing is not equipped to do handicap clients. Need a new company to try and address these needs. A meeting is scheduled with other COAs in early December to see where they are and how we can work together for a solution. Will take back to Springwell and report on.

Judy will bring the Long-term Planning/Vision Report to the next meeting and we will vote on it.

Selectmen's Meeting: Maryann reported on the meeting with the Selectmen. They were interested in an update on what was going on and any issues.

Homecare services follow up: Nava met Marianne di Roberts to discuss available services for patients when discharged from a hospital that are not private pay. She also talked with Emmet Smerzo. Nava and Judy will explore to see if Springwell has any guides.

Nominating Committee Report: The recommended slate is

President: Chao Lai

Vice President: Ted Dukas

Treasurer: Maryann Scali

Secretary: Tomi Olson

Tax Deferral for Seniors: Joel requested a vote from the Board on lowering taxes from 8% to 4.5% for Seniors. Joel proposed and Tomi seconded.

Motion: COA unanimously supports Warrant Article and Interest Rate on Tax Deferral for Senior Citizens from 8% to 4.5% to lower taxes.

Ted will take the December minutes and Tomi will do the March minutes.

Meeting adjourned 8:30 pm.

Next meeting December 3, 2018

Ethel Hamann